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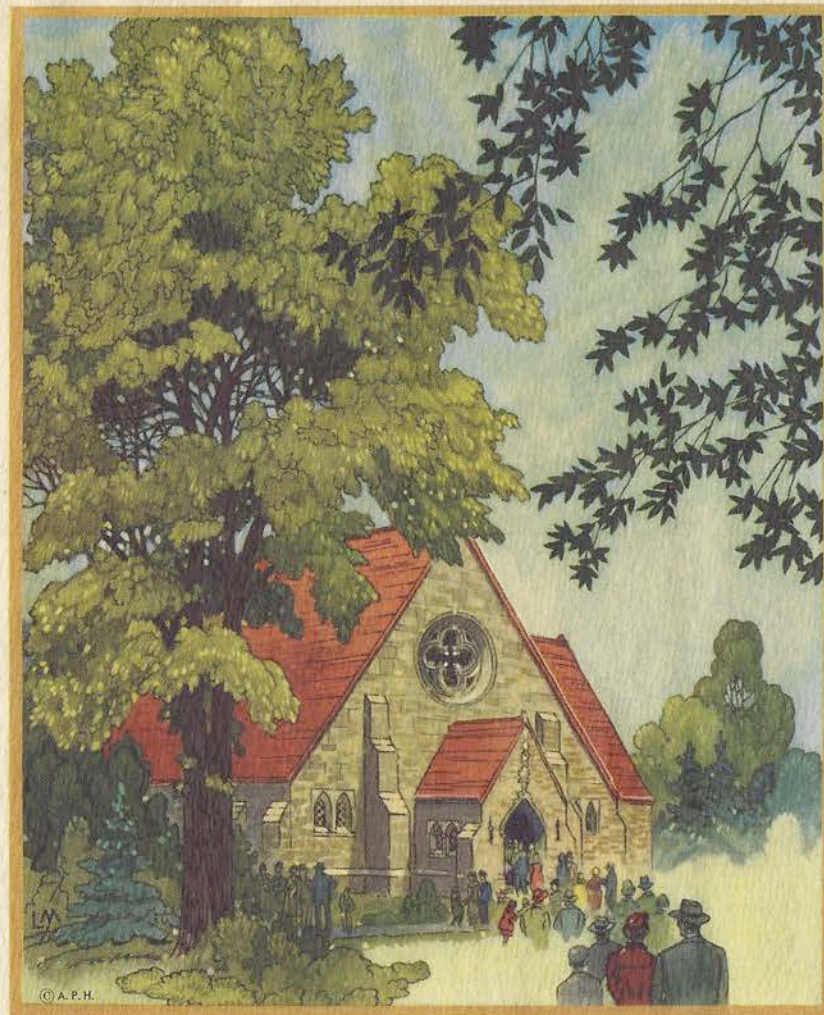
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## First Bethany Evangelical and Reformed Church

THE MERGER FESTIVAL SUNDAY

June 14, 1953

Morning Worship — 10:30 A.M. .... Bethany Church

Evening Fellowship — 8:00 P.M. .... First Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE — "Festal March" ..... Diggle  
PROCESSIONAL HYMN — "The Church's One Foundation" ..... Wesley  
(People stand, join singing as choir enters.)

- 1. The Church's one foundation, Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, By water and the word: From heav'n He came and sought her To be his holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life he died.
- 2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3. Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace, that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Minister  
CHORAL RESPONSE — "Jesus Stand Among Us" ..... Sung  
COLLECT PRAYER ..... Unison

O God Author of Eternal Light and Giver of Life Abundant, do thou shed forth continual day upon us who watch for thee; that our lips may praise thee, our life may bless thee, our meditations may glorify thee; and our service may evermore please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Minister: Peace be among us all.  
People: PRAISE AND GLORY BE UNTO GOD.

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 4 — "Now Thank We All Our God" ..... Cruger

- 1. Now thank we all our God With heart, and hand, and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms Hath blest us on our way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours today.
- 2. O may this bounteous God Thro' all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us; To keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God, The Father, now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven The One Eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
HOLY SCRIPTURE — Ephesians 4:1-16  
SILENT DEVOTIONS  
APOSTLE'S CREED ..... Unison  
GLORIA PATRI ..... Sung  
CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: AND WITH THY SPIRIT.  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: WE LIFT THEM UP UNTO THE LORD.  
Minister: Let us now pray.

THE FESTIVAL PRAYER ..... Minister  
CHORAL RESPONSE — "Threefold Amen" ..... Sung  
THE ANTHEM — "Hymn to the Trinity" ..... Rasley  
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS  
WORSHIP WITH GIFTS

SERMON HYMN — "God of Grace, God of Glory" ..... Havergal

- 1. God of grace and God of Glory, On Thy people pour Thy power; Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour.
- 2. Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the facing of this hour.

THE SERMON ..... The Reverend Mr. Robert T. Fauth

SERVICE OF CONSUMATION  
Assembling of the First Bethany Consistory  
The Synodical Declaration ..... Mr. Bethman  
The Fellowship Hand-clasp ..... Mr. Badertscher & Mr. Berry  
Blessing the Fellowship Ties ..... The Ministers

SONG — "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" ..... Mason

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian Love: The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
- 2. Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts, and our cares.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses) ..... Unison

BENEDICTION  
CHORAL BENEDICTION — "Benediction" ..... R. Ritzenhein  
SILENT PRAYERS

ORGAN POSTLUDE — "Alegro" from Second Sanota ..... Mendelssohn